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AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL FILED UNDER 37 CFR 41.33

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant notes that the deadline for filing a response to the Office Action has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of the Office Action until February 20, 2006.